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SUBJ: COMMERCIAL PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PRODUCT PIPELINE -  
AMSTERDAM/ROTTERDAM TO CENTRAL GERMANY

REF: A. USNATO 2520 (9 MAY 74)

BEGIN SUMMARY. MISSION PROVIDES LATEST STATUS OF COMMERCIAL PIPELINE  
PLANNING IN FRG/BENELUX. END SUMMARY.

1. PAKTANK REPRESENTATIVES VISITED MISSION AFTER DISCUSSION  
WITH GENERAL ROBERTUS, CEOA GENERAL MANAGER, TO REPORT ON  
STATUS OF THEIR PLANNING. THEY INDICATED THAT CONTINUING STUDIES  
TENDE TO CONFIRM POST-OIL CRISIS REQUIREMENT FOR COMMERICAL  
PIPELINE BETWEEN EUROPOORT AND CENTRAL GERMANY, AS REPORTED  
REFTEL. PAKTANK IS NEGOTIATING WITH DUTCH AND BELGIAN  
AUTHORITIES AND BELIEVES THAT GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CAN  
BE ACHIEVED IN EITHER COUNTRY.

2. PAKTANK CURRENTLY LOOKING AT 30 INCH LINE THROUGH HOLLAND  
FROM EUROPOORT TO MONCHEN-GLADBACH WITH 20 INCH BRANCHES TO ANTWERP  
GELEEN (NEAR GLONS, BELGIUM), DUISBURG AND COLOGNE. LINE CROSSES  
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NATO PIPELINE AT BEST AND VENLO IN HOLLAND. THIRTY INCH LINE  
IN BELGIUM WOULD ORIGINATE FROM EUROPOORT AND PASS THROUGH ANTWERP  
AND GELEEN TO MONCHEN-GLADBACH WITH 20 INCH BRANCHES TO  
DUISBURG AND COLOGNE. IT WOULD CROSS NATO PIPELINE IN BELGIUM

AND COLOGNE TERMINAL WOULD BE WITHIN A FEW KILOMETERS OF  
A NATO PUMP STATION.

3. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH ROBERTUS, PAKTANK REPS INDICATED  
INTEREST IN USE OF CEPS IN GERMANY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTS.  
SINCE PRINCIPAL PAKTANK CUSTOMERS ARE INTERESTED IN TRANSPORT OF  
NAPHTHA, PAKTANK LINE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CARRY LEADED FUELS.  
PAKTANK REPS INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT LEAD CAN BE ADDED IN THEIR  
TERMINAL RESERVOIRS BEFORE INTRODUCTION INTO THE NATO SYSTEM.

4. PAKTANK CORPORATE DECISION ON CONSTRUCTIONS OF THE  
LINE AND WHICH ROUTE TO USE IS EXPECTED IN EARLY 1975. IF, AS  
PAKTANK REPS NOW BELIEVE, POSITIVE DECISION IS TAKEN, DESIGN  
WOULD BE COMPLETED BY MID-1976 AND CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED  
BY END 1977.

5. PAKTANK REPS AGREED TO KEEP NATO AND THE MISSION ADVISED AS  
DECISION PROCESS CONTINUES.MCAULIFFE

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